



Biography

Illinois Air National Guard 126th Air Refueling Wing Scott Air Force Base, Illinois



COLONEL JOHN P. HUGHES



Colonel John P. Hughes is vice commander, 126th Air Refueling Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. As the vice commander, he is the principal senior officer responsible for assisting the wing commander in the planning, organizing, directing and management of unit logistics, base support and operations programs for an Illinois Air National Guard wing of 8 assigned KC-135E aircraft and 855 personnel. This wing executes worldwide mobility operations, including both air refueling and airlift, and supports a wide range of conventional and nuclear plans.

The Colonel enlisted in the US Air Force in November of 1968. He completed basic military training and technical training school in May 1969. Upon completion of initial training, he was assigned to the 60th Military Airlift Wing, Travis AFB, Calif., as an aircraft maintenance material control technician. His follow-on assignments in PACAF included the 6214th Transportation Squadron, Tinian AB, Taiwan and the 388th Combat Support Group, Korat AB, Thailand, within the vehicle maintenance

and supply divisions. The Colonel was honorably discharged from the US Air Force in August of 1972.

The Colonel joined the Illinois Air National Guard in June of 1973 and has served in both the enlisted and officer ranks in various command and staff assignments at the squadron, group and wing levels. He achieved the rank of Master Sergeant prior to being commissioned in 1979. He was recalled to active duty in December 1990 during operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM as the 1712th ARW (Provisional) support group commander in Abu Dhabi, UAE and most recently deployed overseas in support of operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. His officer assignments have included Chief of Supply, Wing Executive Officer, Budget Officer, Comptroller, Support Group Commander, Deputy Commander for Resources, Logistics Group Commander, and Chief of Staff. He assumed his current position as Vice Commander in July of 2000.

EDUCATION:

1974 Associate of Arts in Law, Richard J. Daley College, IL

1976 Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration, Roosevelt University, IL

1978 Associate in Material Management, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL

1979 Academy of Military Science, Maxwell AFB, AL

1981 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL

1982 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

1983 Master of Science in Public Administration, DePaul University, IL

1990 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. November 1968 - January 1969, Recruit, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. January 1969 - April 1969, Trainee, Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado
3. May 1969 - June 1971, Aircraft Maintenance Material Control Specialist, 60th Military Airlift Wing, Travis Air Force Base, California
4. June 1971 - June 1972, Transportation Material Control Technician, 6214th Transportation Squadron (PACAF), Tainan Air Base, Taiwan
5. June 1972 - August 1972, Equipment Management Supervisor, 388th Supply Squadron (PACAF), Korat Air Base, Thailand
6. June 1973 - September 1976, Inventory Management Supervisor, 126th Supply Squadron, O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Illinois
7. September 1976 - June 1979, Inventory Management Superintendent, 126th Combat Support Group, O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Illinois
8. June 1979 - January 1983, Supply Management Officer, 126th Resource Management Squadron, O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Illinois
9. January 1983 - November 1983, Wing Executive Officer, 126th Air Refueling Wing, O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Illinois
10. August 1983 - November 1983, Supply and Contracting Officer, National Guard Bureau, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland
11. November 1983 - March 1984, Supply Management Officer, 126th Resource Management Squadron, O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Illinois
12. February 1984 - April 1984, Supply And Contracting Officer, National Guard Bureau, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland
13. March 1984 - October 1984, Budget Officer, 126th Resource Management Squadron, O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Illinois
14. October 1984 - October 1987, Comptroller, 126th Resource Management Squadron, O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Illinois
15. October 1987 - August 1991, Deputy Commander for Support, 126th Air Refueling Wing, O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Illinois
16. August 1990 - October 1990, Commander, Combat Support Group, 126th Air Refueling Wing (Deployed), Moron Air Base, Spain
17. December 1990 - May 1991, Commander, Combat Support Group, 1712th Air Refueling Wing (Provisional), Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
18. August 1991 - December 1992, Deputy Commander for Resources, 126th Air Refueling Wing, O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Illinois
19. January 1993 - January 1999, Logistics Group Commander, 126th Air Refueling Wing, O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Illinois
20. January 1999 - July 2000, Chief of Staff, 126th Air Refueling Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois
21. July 2000 - Present, Vice Commander, 126th Air Refueling Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with V device and four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Good Conduct Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal with two service stars
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Vietnam Service Medal with service star
Southwest Asia Service Medal with two service stars
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal with service star

Humanitarian Service Medal
Air Force Overseas Short Ribbon
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border
Air Force Longevity Service with eight oak leaf clusters
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with hourglass and M device
NCO Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
Air Force Training Ribbon with oak leaf cluster
Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm device
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
Kuwait Liberation Medal, Saudi Arabia
Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait
State of Illinois Military Distinguished Service Medal
State of Illinois Meritorious Service Medal
State of Illinois Long and Honorable Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
State of Illinois Military Attendance Ribbon with numeral 14
State of Illinois State Active Duty Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

First Lieutenant May 10, 1979
Captain Jul 11, 1981
Major Jul 20, 1985
Lieutenant Colonel Aug 6, 1989
Colonel Dec 5, 1992